


<p>New York State Department of Transportation</p> <p>Central Permit Office</p> <p>50 Wolf Road, 1st Floor</p> <p>Albany, New York 12232</p> 	<p>NOTICE</p> <p>Special Hauling OS / OW Permits</p>
	<p>Subject: Night Moves in Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange Counties - Update</p>
	<p>Code: SHN 11-02</p> <p>Date: December 21, 2011</p> <p>Supersedes: SHN 10-01</p>

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GENERAL:

- **Background:**
On January 25, 2010 the Department implemented a pilot program allowing night moves to take place in Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange counties with similar requirements as night moves on Long Island. Conditions in the lower counties of New York are similar to conditions on Long Island, and due to the proximity to New York City there are more night moves taking place than in other areas of the state. Therefore the Department decided to implement a pilot study to determine if night travel moves at or less than 14'-0" high and 14'-0" wide can be accommodated with only Certified Escorts. Based on the results of the pilot, the Department would decide whether to allow night travel under these conditions on a permanent basis. A similar process was used when implementing these requirements on Long Island.

After consultation with the Region 8 Traffic and Safety Office, it has been determined that these requirements should be permanent policy.

- **Purpose:**
To implement as permanent policy the requirements noted in SHN 10-01, which detailed the pilot program allowing the use of two Certified Escorts in place of a police escort for night moves in Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange counties.
- **Administration:**
Effective upon issue of this notice vehicles that are at or less than 14'-0" wide and 14'-0" high may use two Certified Escorts in lieu of a police escort if moving at night in selected counties. Permittees must follow the requirements as listed in the following section.

POLICY:

- Explanation:
 1. Night moves will only be allowed Monday – Thursday, unless such nights fall on any restricted holidays, during the following hours:
 - Monday from 12:01 a.m. – 5:30 a.m. Monday
 - Monday from 9:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Tuesday
 - Tuesday from 9:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Wednesday
 - Wednesday from 9:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Thursday
 - Thursday from 9:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Friday**Moves that take place on Friday night (after 9:00 p.m.) will require proper Police Escorts on all routes.**
 2. Police escorts will be required at nights when loads exceed the following dimensions:
 - 14'-0" in width
 - 14'-0" in height
 - All Superloads
 3. All night moves under the program shall require a minimum of two New York State Certified Escorts. One to proceed on all routes and one to follow on all routes.
- Staff Procedure:
 1. If permit applications requesting night travel meet the requirements as listed above under item #2, two certified escorts are required for night moves in place of a police escort.
 2. In addition to the normal permit and escort requirements, note the following when approving permits requesting night travel:
 - Night travel authorized in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam and Orange Counties.
 - Front and Rear certified escort vehicles on all routes for night travel only
 - Police Unit(s) required on all routes for night moves on Fridays after 9:00 pm in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange Counties.
 - Night lighting requirements and night travel Special Travel Attachments.
- Effective Date: 12/21/2011

REFERENCE: